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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: 12/11/06 0900 hours
Date/Time of Occurrence 12/11/06 0530 hours
Nature of Event: Shooting
Location of Call: 1660 Old Airport Road Auburn, CA 95603
Diamond Well Drilling
Released by: Lieutenant Jeffrey Ausnow

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On December 11, 2006, at approximately 5:30 am, the placer county sheriff's department responded to 1660 old airport road in auburn on the report of shots fired.

A janitor for diamond well drilling was cleaning the office area when an ex-employee, Robert Wayne Johnston, 49, entered the office and took a set of keys for the gas pumps. Johnston unlocked the gas pumps and began fueling his truck.

The owner, Arthur Davis Fulton, 61, was present at the business and confronted Johnston about his theft of fuel. During their contact, Fulton fired two rounds from a handgun in an attempt to scare Johnston away. It appears that one of the handgun rounds struck the vehicle prior to Johnston leaving the area.

Johnston was arrested and charged with burglary related to the theft of the keys and fuel. The placer county sheriff's department will continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding this event and, upon conclusion, will submit the investigation to the district attorney for review.